(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism had commissioned a 20 Year Perspective Plan for the State in order to:

(i) assess the existing tourism scenario in the State;

(ii) review the status of existing development/investment plans;

(iii) evaluate the existing potential tourist destinations;

(iv) develop sustainable tourism in a time period of 20 years;

(v) identify the existing as well as new tourism projects that have potential for development;

(vi) give plans with short term and long term targets;

(vii) indicate the likely investment on infrastructure development under different heads; and

(viii) prepare on action plan for implementation of identified potential schemes/projects and for development of infrastructure.

The Perspective Plan has, *inter-alia,* recommended development and promotion of tourism products in the State according to themes, with focus on Religious Tourism, Leisure Tourism, Culture and Heritage Tourism, Business Tourism, Highway Tourism, Rural Tourism, Nature Tourism, Eco-Tourism, Sports Tourism, etc.

As development and promotion of tourism in the States is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned, the Perspective Plan was sent to the State Government for preparation of their developmental plans accordingly.

(d) Does not arise.

**Promotion of tourism in Rajasthan**

†1491. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government provide assistance to different States for the development and promotion of tourism;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether State Government of Rajasthan has asked for assistance from Central Government to promote tourism in the State;

(c) whether Central Government are considering to grant any special package for the purpose, if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsiblity of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation with the State concerned every year for providing financial assistance under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits, Product and Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals that are complete in all respect are processed on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released, subject to their availability under the respective Head.

The details of financial assistance sanctioned/released for tourism related projects to the Government of Rajasthan during the current financial year are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No. | Name of Project | Amount Sanctioned | Amount Released |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mounting of Sound and Light Show at Amber Fort, Jaipur | 129.26 | 116.33 |
| 2. | Development of Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar at Jaipur under destination Development scheme | 464.32 | 371.45 |